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Mr. J. M. Smith,
 Commissioner of Fisheries,
 Dept. of Commerce,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are now pleased to reply to your letter of Feb. 19, and to that of H. F. Moore, of Jan. 17, regarding certain errors in salmon statistics of our Lockanok Cannery in Alaska, for the year 1918. We beg to advise as follows, having just received the necessary information from our salmon department in Seattle:

"In looking up our copy of this report we find that the thirty three cases of King salmon mentioned, are valued at \$310.20 instead of \$3102.00. This was a typographical error which was not changed when the reports were checked. Our records show that 4460 King salmon were caught during the season, out of which thirty three cases were packed. Out of these 4460 King salmon caught, in the neighborhood of 200 were used in the cannery mess, the balance were salted to be put in barrels, but were left in Alaska in vats on account of our inability to get barrels up there during the season. This salmon will be barreled next season and reported in next season's pack. We were not in a position to report this as we did not know exactly how many barrels the fish will fill. This is an extraordinary case as it is not our practice to leave any salted or canned salmon in Alaska during the winter months, but, as stated above, on account of our not being able to get barrels in our canneries, on account of lack of transportation, we were compelled to leave them at the cannery in the vats."

We believe that this explanation will clear up the inaccuracies present in the figures originally submitted. We regret very much that the errors occurred and also the considerable delay that we met with in getting the corrected figures to you.

Begging your pardon for your apparent necessity of writing us twice on this matter, we are pleased to remain

Yours very truly,
 LIBBY, McNEILL & LIBBY.

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